

# MINUTES

OF THE

## English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest.

### FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

TRINITY CHURCH, LINDSTROM, MINN.

June 8-13, A. D. 1904.

*With the Proceedings of the Sunday-School Convention.*

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## Trinity English Lutheran Church, Lindstrom, Minn.



Lindstrom residents, Spring of 1901, petitioned Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., President of the Synod of the Northwest, to begin work at this place. Rev. S. W. Kuhns held the first service in a hall on Trinity Sunday, 1901. He continued services in the school house until October, 1901, when he left the field. The Twin City pastors of the Northwest Synod kept up the work until May, 1902. The congregation was organized August 11, 1901, in the school house. Rev. Frank E. Jensen, of St. Paul, accepted the second call to become pastor on April 9, 1902, entering upon the work June 1, 1902. The corner-stone was laid August 10, 1902, and the church, valued at \$10,000, was dedicated February 15, 1903. The congregation has been self-supporting from the start. Membership, Whitsunday, 1904, 117.



## MINUTES.

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### Opening Service.

The Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest was held in Trinity English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lindstrom, Minnesota, beginning Wednesday, June 8, 1904, at 10:30 A. M. The convention was opened with the orders of service for Confession and Absolution, followed by the Morning Service with the Holy Communion. The synodical sermon was preached by the president, Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., from Mark 4: 30-32, with the theme: "The Growth of God's Kingdom."

The president appointed the Committee on Credentials, consisting of Rev. J. J. Clemens and Rev. F. S. Beistel.

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### First Session.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1904, 2:30 P. M.

The first business session was opened by Rev. J. A. Zundel, hymn 255, psalm 46. Synod was then formally opened by the president of synod, Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., with the order for opening of synods. The roll was called by parishes and fifteen pastors responded. The Credential Committee at this and subsequent sessions, reported approved credentials received from sixteen lay delegates.

Two ministers were received at later sessions, making the roll of synod as follows:

## ROLL OF SYNOD.

| PASTORS.                | ORDAINED | ENTERED<br>SYNOD | PARISHES.                                                               | LAY<br>DELEGATES.                  |
|-------------------------|----------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. G. H. Trabert, D. D. | 1870     | 1898             | Salem Church,<br>Minneapolis, Minn.                                     | C. A. Smith<br>A. G. Johnson, Alt  |
| 2. W. K. Frick, D. D.   | 1873     | 1891             | Church of the Redeemer,<br>Milwaukee, Wis                               |                                    |
| 3. S. W. Kuhns          | 1875     | 1895             | No Charge                                                               |                                    |
| 4. A. J. D. Haupt       | 1884     | 1891             | Memorial Church,<br>St. Paul, Minn.                                     | Joseph A. Cox                      |
| 5. Alfred Ramsey        | 1885     | 1896             | St. John's Church,<br>Minneapolis, Minn.                                | N. O. Werner                       |
| 6. D. W. Michael        | 1886     | 1901             | St. John's Church,<br>Duluth, Minn.                                     |                                    |
| 7. H. K. Gebhart        | 1889     | 1895             | First English Lutheran,<br>Platteville, Wis.                            | John Gogins                        |
| 8. A. J. Reichert       | 1890     | 1901             | St. Paul's Church,<br>Red Wing, Minn.                                   |                                    |
| 9. R. L. Leatherman     | 1891     | 1891             | No Charge.                                                              |                                    |
| 10. J. J. Clemens       | 1896     | 1903             | Lewiston, Md<br>Holy Trinity Church,<br>La Crosse, Wis.                 | Ole Wold                           |
| 11. R. A. Helms         | 1896     | 1903             | { St. Luke's, Goodhue.<br>English Evan. Lutheran<br>Cannon Falls, Minn. |                                    |
| 12. F. E. Jensen        | 1897     | 1897             | Trinity Church,<br>Lindstrom, Minn.                                     | { J. A. Johnson<br>T. H. Kaye, Alt |
| 13. J. A. Zundel        | 1808     | 1903             | St. Mark's Church,<br>Fargo, N. D.                                      | P. W. Petersen                     |
| 14. F. S. Beistel       | 1898     | 1903             | St. James Church,<br>St. Paul, Minn.                                    | Frank Shoop                        |
| 15. C. L. Waistler      | 1899     | 1899             | Trinity Church,<br>St. Paul, Minn.                                      | W. T. Eckles                       |
| 16. G. F. Gehr          | 1900     | 1900             | Church of Holy Communion<br>Racine, Wis.                                | H. Schlaecter                      |
| 17. A. C. Peterson      | 1900     | 1900             | St. Mark's Church,<br>North St. Paul, Minn.                             | J. G. Earhuff                      |
| 18. John Keehley        | 1900     | 1904             | St. Mark's Church,<br>Minneapolis, Minn.                                | A. W. Benson                       |
| 19. P. E. Baisler       | 1901     | 1901             | Grace Church,<br>Kenosha, Wis.                                          | Knute Toresen                      |
| 20. *J. M. Tise         | 1903     | 1903             | Floyd, Virginia.                                                        |                                    |
| 21. W. P. Christy       | 1904     | 1904             | St. Peter's Church,<br>Janesville, Wis.                                 |                                    |
| 22.                     |          |                  | Church of Our Saviour,<br>Ellsworth, Wis.                               | M. Langbein                        |
| 23.                     |          |                  | Trinity Church,<br>Duluth, Minn.                                        |                                    |
| 24.                     |          |                  | Church of the Advent,<br>Cedarburg, Wis.                                |                                    |

\*Since the close of synod Rev. Tise was dismissed to the Virginia Synod.

The hours of the business sessions were fixed at 9 A. M. to 12 M., and 2 P. M. to 5 P. M.

The printed program submitted by the Executive Committee was adopted with several changes, made necessary by the absence of one of the speakers.

The president then read his report as follows:



## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

*Dear Brethren:*

Another year in the history of our synod is behind us and we are once more assembled to review the past and lay plans and legislate for the future. But we do not only meet to legislate, to attend to the routine business which has accumulated and been arranged for our deliberations; we meet to strengthen and encourage each other in the great work to which God has called us as workers in His church. We come together from our several parishes, scattered over three great states, that as brethren—ministers and laymen—having common interests, laboring for one common end, the gathering and upbuilding of the church, we may rejoice together over the evidences of God's blessing with which the work has been crowned. We meet also that we may sympathize with each other in the trials and sorrows which some may have been called upon to face, and to strengthen one another for continued effort in the extension of God's kingdom on this vast territory. We need the stimulus of meeting together that we may be more thoroughly consecrated to our work, be stimulated to greater self-sacrifice and be strengthened to meet whatever difficulties may lie in our path with renewed courage and by God's grace overcome them.

The year just closed was fraught with blessings on the work throughout our synod. We have abundant reason for thanksgiving and praise to God for His goodness in blessing the feeble efforts of His servants whom He has called to labor in this section of His kingdom.



### SURVEY OF THE WORK.

In reviewing the past we find that there has been a general forward movement and we are considerably in advance of where we were a year ago. There have no serious difficulties interfered with the progress of the work, peace and harmony seems to have prevailed in all our congregations. While some have for a while been indisposed no serious illness afflicted any of our pastors. The faithful preaching of the Word and administration of the Sacraments has been blessed in the ingathering of souls into the fold of Christ and in the strengthening of many in the faith, and in increased activity in the various departments of church work. With few exceptions, the reports from the several parishes are full of encouragement and hope. Excepting the Pierce county, Wisconsin, parish, which has been vacant for a number of months and where the outlook has been discouraging, and Trinity congregation, Duluth, where the want of a church building prevents rapid development, the future is exceedingly promising. Had we had the proper facilities to extend the work we could report still greater progress, but in spite of our limited means and inadequate working force, "God has done great things for us whereof we are glad." While I have endeavored to keep in touch with all our congregations by correspondence, I have visited St. James and Trinity, St. Paul; St. Mark's, North St. Paul; St. Mark's, Minneapolis; St. Paul's, Red Wing, in Minnesota, and Holy Trinity, La Crosse; Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, and Grace, Kenosha, in Wisconsin.

### PASTORAL CHANGES.

A year ago I reported that the Rev. A. C. Peterson had been regularly dismissed to the Danish Lutheran church in America. Later he informed me that he had not seen his way clear to unite with that body, and he returned to me his letter of dismissal and his name has been restored to the roll.

On October 24, I was officially notified that Rev. A. C. Carty had resigned the Church of the Holy Trinity, La Crosse, Wis., to take charge of a congregation in Philadelphia, Pa. He was regularly dismissed to the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent states.

Early in December I was notified by Rev. J. J. Clemens that he had resigned the parish of Ellsworth and River Falls, Wisconsin, and accepted a call to La Crosse, to which place he removed early in January.

On the first Sunday in Advent the Rev. John Keehley of Elmira, New York, having been called by the Board of English Home Missions to St. Mark's, Minneapolis, entered upon his work in that parish. At the same time the Rev. A. C. Peterson, who had supplied St. Mark's for several months, entered upon the work of supplying St. Mark's, North St. Paul, to which he was subsequently called as pastor.

Early in May I was notified by the Rev. A. Ramsey that he had resigned St. John's, Minneapolis, and accepted a professorship in our Chicago Theological Seminary.

### VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

On February 9, the Rev. J. M. Tise notified me



that he had resigned Trinity congregation, Duluth. He subsequently removed, leaving the congregation vacant. It was to be supplied by a student of the Chicago Theological Seminary, but the latest report shows it to be entirely uncared for. Reference has already been made to the vacancy of the Church of Our Saviour at Ellsworth, Wisconsin. This, together with the congregation at River Falls, formed a parish which, at one time, seemed very hopeful. The long and severe winter precluded the holding of regular service at either place as both the town hall at Ellsworth and the old church building at River Falls, could not be properly heated, but the Sunday schools were kept up. There is much discouragement among the people at both these points. The faithful ones at both places need encouragement. Both places are central points for Western Wisconsin, and we dare not let the work drop. God has called us into that field and is trying our faith by permitting the present condition of apathy, and we would be untrue to our calling if we permitted the work to go by default for lack of special effort. It is for the synod to decide what is to be done.

#### INSTALLATIONS.

On July 5 the Rev. J. M. Tise was installed pastor of Holy Trinity church, Duluth, by the Rev. D. W. Michael.

On July 11 the Rev. R. A. Helms was installed in the Goodhue and Cannon Falls parish at Goodhue, Minn., by the Rev. A. J. Reichert of Red Wing.

On January 17 I installed the Rev. J. J. Clemens in Holy Trinity church, La Crosse, Wis.

On January 24 the Rev. John Keehley, after presenting a letter of dismissal from the New York and New England Synod, was installed in St. Mark's church, Minneapolis.

On April 5 the Rev. A. C. Peterson was installed pastor of St. Mark's church, North St. Paul.

#### **CORNER STONE LAYINGS.**

On September 13 the corner stone of Grace church, Kenosha, Wis., was laid by the pastor, assisted by Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., of Milwaukee, Rev. G. F. Gehr of Racine, and the Western Field Secretary, the Rev. A. C. Anda of Chicago.

#### **NEW PASTORS.**

One pastor has been dismissed during the year, but our force has been increased by the coming of Rev. John Keehley, who applies for reception into this body. William Passavant Christy, a recent graduate of the Chicago Theological Seminary, has accepted a call to Janesville, Wis., and applies for ordination at this convention.

#### **MISSION WORK.**

Some time during January I received a letter from Mr. August J. Johnson of Grand Marais, Minn., making an earnest appeal to send a pastor to that point, as there was a good opening for mission work. There is a church building at Maple Hill, some six miles from



Grand Marais, erected by Mr. Johnson, and a congregation organized. At Grand Marais there is a Norwegian church with a very small congregation, but no English church whatever. The American population, composing a mixture of several creeds, desired English service and united to support the man we would send. The use of the Norwegian church was secured for service and fifty dollars a month was pledged toward the support of a minister. I promised to visit the field some time during the month of April, but owing to the late spring, navigation on Lake Superior did not open until the month of May, which prevented my going. Rev. D. W. Michael of Duluth would have gone in my stead, but was prevented by illness. Nevertheless Mr. H. F. Obenauf of the Chicago Theological Seminary was secured and is at work. It is sincerely hoped that in a few months a congregation can be organized at Grand Marais. The congregation at Maple Hill will, in the near future, make application to unite with the synod.

My attention has been repeatedly called to the importance of beginning work at Mankato, Minn. At a meeting of our Executive Committee in April it was resolved to begin work at that point, a friend of the cause kindly promising to aid in its support. The committee was encouraged to take up the field under the impression that the Western Field Secretary would spend some time in exploring the field and starting the work. Mr. A. M. Sappenfield of the Chicago Theological Seminary has been on the ground since the 21st of May, and the Field Secretary visited the place on June 7. Mr. Sappenfield met the four Lutheran pas-

tors—German, Swedish and Norwegian—who are very much alarmed over the work and they frankly informed him that if the work was continued they would unite against it.

### NEW CHURCHES.

The progress of the work in the synod is evidenced by the number of new churches which have been built during the past few years. The last one added to the list is Grace church, Kenosha, Wis., which was dedicated on Feb. 21, 1904. This is the fifth church that was built during the past three years.

Trinity church, St. Paul, becoming inadequate to accommodate its growing Sunday school, added a commodious addition which was dedicated on the 17th of April, 1904. Other building operations are in progress, notably the Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, which has added a large vestibule which becomes the main entrance to its building, giving it a more imposing and churchly appearance. Salem, Minneapolis is also building a new church to accommodate its growing congregation. It will be of blue limestone, of gothic architecture, and when completed will not only be an ornament to the section of the city in which it is located, but will be a credit to the Synod of the Northwest. The erection of the church—which when completed will leave no debt on the congregation—was made possible by the generosity of one of its members, the Hon. C. A. Smith, who has for years been the treasurer of this body.



### NEW CONGREGATIONS.

On May 12 the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Advent was organized at Cedarburg, Wis. The congregation numbers 22 communicant members and makes formal application to be received into this body. It is being supplied by a student from the Chicago Theological Seminary.

### STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Favorable reports have been received from most of our congregations. Owing to the illness of Rev. A. Ramsey, being for a number of months incapacitated for work, the accessions to St. John's church have not been as large as for some previous years. Memorial, St. Paul, has been weeding out its communicant list on which the names of quite a number of lapsed members had been permitted to stand. This shows a decrease in communicants, although over fifty new names have been added. The other St. Paul churches are making healthy progress. St. James has now its own church home, having purchased the building in which it has been worshipping. North St. Paul, which had been vacant for a long time, and the people greatly discouraged, has assumed a new lease of life since the advent of Pastor Peterson and is now making encouraging progress. St. John's, Duluth, after a long and serious struggle with a heavy debt is permitted to breathe more freely and has become self-sustaining by the Board of Home Missions assuming the interest of the mortgage. The church in which we are assembled has been self-supporting from the beginning. The

progress of this congregation is evidenced by the building in which we meet, in whose tower a new bell has recently been installed. Pastor Jensen has been exploring some of the localities more or less remote from Lindstrom and has succeeded in inaugurating regular services at Sunrise, where a catechetical class has been organized and where a congregation will no doubt be gathered in the near future. The place is being visited every two weeks and the attendance is very encouraging.

Another point recently occupied by Pastor Jensen is Stacy, on the N. P. R. R. Here a schoolhouse has been purchased which will be changed into a church in the near future. The outlook for successful work at Stacy is good and it and Sunrise may, in the near future, become a parish.

St. Mark's, Minneapolis, first under the care of Pastor Peterson as supply, and since December under the care of Pastor Keehley, has made excellent progress. This spring they paid off a floating debt of over \$500.00, and the growth of the congregation and the Sunday school shows the importance of the work in that section of the city. St. Paul's, Red Wing, is still advancing and is now one of the largest congregations in that city; it is the second English church in membership in Red Wing. The Goodhue and Cannon Falls parish is enjoying a healthy growth. At Cannon Falls a new church is in course of erection. St. Mark's, Fargo, has contemplated an addition to their church building, but the progress of the work has been such that a new church seems a necessity in the near



future, hence the contemplated repairs have been abandoned owing to the wider outlook.

The churches in Wisconsin have upon the whole had a prosperous year. The vacancy of several months at La Crosse retarded the work somewhat in that city so that the number of accessions was small, but under the guidance of Pastor Clemens good progress is being made. The congregation has declared itself self-sustaining, and it is about securing a parsonage. Platteville, is still advancing. The church in which they hold service was leased for three years, after which time the congregation will no doubt secure its own church property. The congregation at Janesville has secured a permanent pastor and is self-supporting from the start. Through the efforts of our Western Field Secretary, the Rev. A. C. Anda, a very good church building, centrally located, for our work has been purchased. This is of the greatest importance for the future growth of the congregation as many people will not unite with a congregation worshipping in a hall.

The Church of the Holy Communion at Racine, Wis., has made the most rapid progress of all the missions founded by the synod. It is about to become self-sustaining, making the tenth self-supporting parish in our synod, where six years ago there were but two. The congregation has enjoyed such a rapid growth that the church building will soon be too small. Since the Grace Evangelical Lutheran congregation of Kenosha has moved into its new church the interest in the work has been greatly stimulated and the future is

very promising. In Milwaukee it is hoped that the mission Dr. Frick has been conducting for several years, will, in the near future, grow into an organized congregation. The substantial growth in the Church of the Redeemer is seen in the improvement of the church property as well as in the increase of the membership and the church attendance.

But while the synod has enjoyed God's blessing and we have abundant reasons for thanksgiving, there is nothing to boast of, as no one has done more than his duty. On account of local conditions there is sometimes a tendency to overlook the broader work of the synod to the injury of the cause in general as well as of the individual congregations. Sometimes congregations plead poverty as an excuse for not contributing to the several objects of Christian beneficence as given in the parochial tables, and pastors fail to urge it, and to observe the various seasons for special offerings. This is all wrong and a decided injury to the individual congregation, and the pastor who submits to it is not faithful to his trust. Every mission is required to contribute to the several objects of church beneficence and loyalty to the synod requires that the synodical objects and recommendations of the synod should not be ignored. The church, however poor, that does not give to missions, home and foreign, lacks spiritual life and will soon become fossilized. The giving church is, as a rule, the living church.

#### CONFERENCES.

For the first time in the history of the synod have we had regularly organized conferences, and in conse-



quence a larger Executive Committee. I am sure that by this division of responsibility the work can be more efficiently carried on.

### CHURCH EXTENSION.

At our last convention in La Crosse, Wis., it was resolved that "the Executive Committee of synod constitute a synodical Church Extension Society." During the year a friend of our synod handed a check for \$100.00 to Rev. D. W. Michael of Duluth toward a synodical church extension fund. As some legal questions are involved, no effort was made to have the sum increased, and the money was deposited in a bank in Duluth by Brother Michael. The Executive Committee is not a corporation able to receive and hold property. A Church Extension Society must needs be incorporated before it can do business. At the meeting of our Executive Committee in April the matter was discussed and I was instructed to get the opinion of Judge Holt as to whether a synod could be incorporated and meet in different states. The answer is that under the laws of Minnesota it can be so incorporated and can designate the Executive Committee to be its trustee at law. I would recommend that the Executive Committee be authorized to have the synod incorporated.

### SYNODICAL MISSION WORK.

I would again call special attention to our synodical mission work. Several years ago we hoped to have a synodical missionary under the direction of the General Council Home Mission Board, who would visit

the various towns on our territory, establish Sunday schools and organize congregations wherever there was an open door. Our hopes have not been realized. The past year has demonstrated more than ever before the importance of such a missionary. Cities, where we could today have good congregations, have been occupied by others. Points like Ellsworth and River Falls, where such a man could have done noble work, have been obliged to suffer, and in many respects we are handicapped for want of just such a missionary. It is evident that, if we want a synodical missionary, we must, as a synod, provide for his support and he must be responsible to the synod alone. We have hitherto been too dependent on the general Mission Board. We must learn to depend more on ourselves. Crutches are all right as long as a man has little strength in his legs to walk, but the sooner they can be thrown aside the more rapidly strength will develop. Our synod is not too weak to support such a missionary if there is the willingness to do so. It is a matter of faith and earnest prayer, and God will incline the hearts to provide the means. I know of a synod with but one-half the number of communicants we have, which has resolved to support such a missionary and shall we have less courage and timidly shrink back from a plain duty? Let it once be brought home to our congregations that the synod has employed such a missionary and let them feel that they are responsible for his support, and I do not doubt the whole amount necessary can be raised without much difficulty. If in addition to what has hitherto been raised for synodical



home missions, our people contribute twenty-five cents per communicant for this purpose, there will be ample to begin the work. An earnest, consecrated man, a man of prudence and zeal for Christ and the church could do wonders. Will the synod take up this important work?

### THE LUTHERAN.

Our official church paper should, if possible, be in every family of the synod. Too many of our people content themselves with reading the secular news and the popular magazine literature, but seem to have no taste for devotional reading and the news of the church as furnished from week to week in the Lutheran, which is decidedly the best periodical published in the Lutheran church. Every pastor should make it his duty to have it circulated as largely as possible among his people.

### THE CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The importance of this school of the prophets for our Western work is more and more in evidence from year to year. It has furnished nearly one-half of our pastors, and there are in addition three students working on our territory during this summer. It deserves not only the earnest prayers and the heartiest support of our people, but an ample endowment fund so as to still further increase its efficiency.

### IN CONCLUSION.

I now return to you the office with which you entrusted me. By the grace of God I have endeavored

to do my duty to the best of my ability. I wish here to thank all the brethren for their uniform kindness and readiness to co-operate in the work. Let us look into the future with hope and confidence and never grow weary in the work, whatever perplexities we may meet, knowing that if God be for us there is nothing to fear. And now, dear brethren, "Abide in Him, that when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming."

GEORGE HENRY TRABERT.

On motion the report was received and ordered referred to a committee.





The treasurer, Mr. C. A. Smith, then read his annual report.

### REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

*In Account with* THE ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN  
SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

June 17, 1903, to June 8, 1904.

#### RECEIPTS.

|                                                               |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| St. John's, Minneapolis, Minn.....                            | \$239.44   |
| Memorial, St. Paul, Minn.....                                 | 194.50     |
| St. Paul's, Red Wing, Minn.....                               | 164.30     |
| Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis.....                   | 135.97     |
| Church of the Epiphany, Milwaukee, Wis.....                   | 35.63      |
| St. Mark's, Fargo, N. D.....                                  | 67.49      |
| Salem, Minneapolis, Minn.....                                 | 317.29     |
| St. John's, Duluth, Minn.....                                 | 101.28     |
| Trinity, St. Paul, Minn.....                                  | 81.44      |
| St. James', St. Paul, Minn.....                               | 58.97      |
| Trinity, Lindstrom, Minn.....                                 | 47.56      |
| Grace, Kenosha, Wis.....                                      | 68.35      |
| St. Luke's, Goodhue, Minn.....                                | 8.30       |
| St. Mark's, North St. Paul, Minn.....                         | 23.76      |
| Church of the Holy Communion, Racine, Wis.....                | 180.96     |
| Holy Trinity, La Crosse, Wis.....                             | 62.69      |
| River Falls Congregation, River Falls, Wis.....               | 4.85       |
| Our Savior, Ellsworth, Wis.....                               | 10.79      |
| St. Mark's, Minneapolis, Minn.....                            | 13.54      |
| Cannon Falls Cong., Cannon Falls, Minn. No con-<br>tribution. |            |
| Holy Trinity, Duluth, Minn.....                               | 9.18       |
| First Church, Platteville, Wis.....                           | 60.67      |
| St. Peter's, Janesville, Wis. No contribution.                |            |
| Sisters Deaconess' Mother House, Milwaukee, Wis...            | 47.73      |
| Balance last report, traveling expenses.....                  | 3.46       |
| Balance last report, synodical expenses.....                  | 53.01      |
| Balance last report, synodical home missions.....             | 210.49     |
|                                                               | <hr/>      |
|                                                               | \$2,201.65 |

## DISBURSEMENTS.

|                                                                  |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Synodical General Expenses.....                                  | \$213.67   |
| General Council Home Missions .....                              | 345.59     |
| General Council Foreign Missions, India.....                     | 250.98     |
| General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico.....                | 61.97      |
| General Council Church Extension.....                            | 370.68     |
| Chicago Theological Seminary.....                                | 389.74     |
| Orphans, Vasa, Minn.....                                         | 33.32      |
| Missions in Persia.....                                          | 6.00       |
| Synodical Delegates Traveling Expenses.....                      | 74.65      |
| Funds for Traveling Expenses remaining in Treasury               | 19.54      |
| Beneficiary Education .....                                      | 50.00      |
| Synodical Home Missions.....                                     | 120.00     |
| Funds for Synodical Home Missions remaining in<br>Treasury ..... | 186.18     |
| Cash balance, General Expenses.....                              | 79.33      |
|                                                                  | <hr/>      |
|                                                                  | \$2,201.65 |

## Detailed Statement Synodical Delegates' Traveling Expenses.

## RECEIPTS.

|                                               |        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| Balance last year.....                        | \$3.46 |
| St. John's, Minneapolis, Minn., 1902.....     | 13.18  |
| St. John's, Minneapolis, Minn., 1903.....     | 7.00   |
| Memorial, St. Paul, Minn., 1902.....          | 17.36  |
| Trinity Church, St. Paul, Minn.....           | 13.72  |
| St. Mark's, North St. Paul, Minn.....         | 2.60   |
| St. James', St. Paul, Minn.....               | 1.69   |
| First Church, Platteville, Wis.....           | 6.08   |
| St. Paul's, Red Wing, Minn.....               | 17.31  |
| Salem, Minneapolis, Minn.....                 | 3.41   |
| St. Mark's, Minneapolis, Minn.....            | 2.62   |
| River Falls Congregation, River Falls, Wis... | 1.05   |
| Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis.....   | 4.71   |

## DISBURSEMENTS.

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|--------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Holy Communion, Racine, Wis. ....                      | \$6.87 |
| Cannon Falls Congregation, Cannon Falls,<br>Minn. .... | 7.35   |
| Trinity, Duluth, Minn., 1902.....                      | 3.40   |
| St. John's, Duluth, Minn., 1903.....                   | 15.01  |



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| St. John's, Duluth, Minn., 1902.....     | 2.86               |
| Trinity, Duluth, Minn., 1903.....        | 6.18               |
| St. Mark's, Fargo, N. D.....             | 17.75              |
| Trinity, Lindstrom, Minn., 1903.....     | 7.95               |
| Trinity, Lindstrom, Minn., 1902.....     | 1.42               |
| Grace Church, Kenosha, Wis.....          | 1.41               |
| Holy Trinity, La Crosse, Wis., 1902..... | 4.45               |
| Balance in hand.....                     | 19.54              |
|                                          | <hr/>              |
|                                          | \$94.19    \$94.19 |

Amounts Still Due From Congregations 1902 Expenses.

|                                       |        |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| St. Mark's, North St. Paul, Minn..... | \$2.07 |
| Our Savior, Ellsworth, Wis.....       | .93    |

Amounts Due From Congregations 1903 Expense.

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| St. Luke's, Goodhue, Minn..... | \$3.60 |
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Amounts Due Congregations 1903 Expense.

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|-----------------------------------|---------|
| St. Mark's, Fargo, N. D.....      | \$10.00 |
| St. Peter's, Janesville, Wis..... | 4.00    |

While there are sufficient funds now in the treasury to settle above indebtedness, same were not received until June 1st, on which date our books were closed.

**A Detailed Statement for Synodical Year 1903-1904.**

**St. John's, Minneapolis, Minn.:**

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|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| Synodical Expenses .....                  | \$50.24  |
| General Council Home Missions.....        | 27.77    |
| General Council Foreign Missions, India.. | 34.75    |
| General Council Church Extension.....     | 65.58    |
| Chicago Theological Seminary.....         | 29.92    |
| Synodical Delegates' Traveling Expenses   | 20.18    |
|                                           | <hr/>    |
| On Apportionment .....                    | \$228.44 |
| Orphans, Vasa, Minn.....                  | 11.00    |
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|                                           | \$239.44 |

**Memorial, St. Paul, Minn.:**

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| Synodical Expenses .....                  | 28.32 |
| General Council Home Missions.....        | 40.00 |
| General Council Foreign Missions, India.. | 35.34 |

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| General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico ..... | 11.66    |
| General Council Church Extension.....              | 25.00    |
| Synodical Home Missions.....                       | 23.10    |
| Synodical Delegates' Traveling Expenses..          | 31.08    |
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| All on Apportionment .....                         | \$194.50 |

**St. Paul's, Red Wing, Minn.:**

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|----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Synodical Expenses .....                           | \$26.04  |
| General Council Home Missions.....                 | 12.40    |
| General Council Foreign Missions, India.           | 14.16    |
| General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico ..... | 5.25     |
| General Council Church Extension.....              | 33.65    |
| Chicago Theological Seminary.....                  | 41.85    |
| Synodical Home Missions.....                       | 5.00     |
| Synodical Delegates' Traveling Expenses..          | 17.31    |
|                                                    | <hr/>    |
| On Apportionment .....                             | \$155.66 |
| Orphans, Vasa Home .....                           | 8.64     |
|                                                    | <hr/>    |
|                                                    | \$164.30 |

**Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis.:**

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|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| Synodical Expenses .....                  | \$28.80  |
| General Council Home Missions.....        | 51.46    |
| General Council Church Extension.....     | 5.00     |
| Chicago Theological Seminary.....         | 46.00    |
| Synodical Delegates' Traveling Expenses.. | 4.71     |
|                                           | <hr/>    |
| On Apportionment .....                    | \$135.97 |

**Church of the Epiphany, Milwaukee, Wis.:**

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| General Council Home Missions.....    | \$14.54 |
| General Council Church Extension..... | 10.39   |
| Chicago Theological Seminary.....     | 10.70   |
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|                                       | \$35.63 |

**St. Mark's, Fargo, N. D.:**

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|-------------------------------------------|--------|
| Synodical Expenses .....                  | \$7.60 |
| General Council Home Missions.....        | 16.72  |
| General Council Foreign Missions, India.. | 33.41  |
| Chicago Theological Seminary.....         | 9.76   |
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All on Apportionment..... \$67.49



**Salem, Minneapolis, Minn.:**

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|----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Synodical Expenses .....                           | \$9.00   |
| General Council Home Missions.....                 | 41.98    |
| General Council Foreign Missions, India..          | 40.14    |
| General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico ..... | 10.00    |
| General Council Church Extension.....              | 51.00    |
| Chicago Theological Seminary.....                  | 113.10   |
| Synodical Home Missions.....                       | 35.00    |
| Synodical Delegates' Traveling Expenses            | 3.39     |
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| On Apportionment .....                             | \$303.61 |
| Orphans, Vasa Home.....                            | 18.85    |
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|                                                    | \$317.29 |

**Trinity, St. Paul, Minn.:**

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|-------------------------------------------|---------|
| Synodical Expenses .....                  | \$8.00  |
| General Council Home Missions.....        | 18.85   |
| General Council Foreign Missions, India.. | 14.03   |
| General Council Church Extension.....     | 16.30   |
| Chicago Theological Seminary.....         | 12.89   |
| Synodical Home Missions.....              | 11.37   |
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| All on Apportionment.....                 | \$81.44 |

**St. John's, Duluth, Minn.:**

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|----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Synodical Expenses .....                           | \$12.64  |
| General Council Home Missions.....                 | 15.00    |
| General Council Foreign Missions, India..          | 15.00    |
| General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico ..... | 15.00    |
| General Council Church Extension.....              | 15.00    |
| Chicago Theological Seminary.....                  | 15.00    |
| Synod Home Missions.....                           | 13.64    |
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| All on Apportionment.....                          | \$101.28 |

**St. James', St. Paul, Minn.:**

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|----------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Synodical Treasury .....                           | \$7.36 |
| General Council Home Missions.....                 | 10.30  |
| General Council Foreign Missions, India..          | 12.56  |
| General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico ..... | 3.06   |
| General Council Church Extension.....              | 10.65  |
| Chicago Theological Seminary.....                  | 10.85  |

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|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| Synodical Home Missions.....            | 2.50    |
| Synodical Traveling Expenses, Delegates | 1.69    |
|                                         | <hr/>   |
| All on Apportionment.....               | \$58.97 |

**Grace, Kenosha, Wis.:**

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|----------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Synodical Expenses .....                           | \$7.20  |
| General Council Home Missions.....                 | 11.40   |
| General Council Foreign Missions, India..          | 4.25    |
| General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico ..... | 5.00    |
| General Council Church Extension.....              | 15.00   |
| Chicago Theological Seminary.....                  | 10.00   |
| Synodical Home Missions.....                       | 9.50    |
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| On Apportionment .....                             | 62.35   |
| Missions in Persia.....                            | 6.00    |
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|                                                    | \$68.35 |

**St. Mark's, North St. Paul, Minn.:**

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|----------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Synodical Expense .....                            | \$4.16  |
| General Council Home Missions.....                 | 4.00    |
| General Council Foreign Missions, India..          | 2.00    |
| General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico ..... | 2.00    |
| General Council Church Extension.....              | 2.00    |
| Chicago Theological Seminary.....                  | 2.00    |
| Synodical Home Missions.....                       | 5.00    |
| Synodical Delegates' Traveling Expenses.           | 2.60    |
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| All on Apportionment.....                          | \$23.76 |

**St. Luke's, Goodhue, Minn.:**

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|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Chicago Theological Seminary..... | \$8.30 |
| On Apportionment,                 |        |

**Trinity, Lindstrom, Minn.:**

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|------------------------------------------|---------|
| Synodical Expenses .....                 | \$6.56  |
| General Council Home Missions.....       | 9.79    |
| General Council Foreign Missions, India. | 7.65    |
| General Council Church Extension.....    | 5.56    |
| Chicago Theological Seminary.....        | 10.00   |
| Synodical Home Missions.....             | 8.00    |
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| All on Apportionment .....               | \$47.56 |



**Church of the Holy Communion, Racine, Wis.:**

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|----------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Synodical Expenses .....                           | \$16.96 |
| General Council Home Missions.....                 | 32.00   |
| General Council Foreign Missions, India.           | 22.00   |
| General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico ..... | 10.00   |
| General Council Church Extension.....              | 35.00   |
| Chicago Theological Seminary.....                  | 50.00   |
| Synodical Home Missions .....                      | 15.00   |

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All on Apportionment.....\$180.96

**Church of the Holy Trinity, La Crosse, Wis.:**

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|------------------------------------------|---------|
| Synodical Expense .....                  | \$10.00 |
| General Council Home Missions.....       | 5.26    |
| General Council Foreign Missions, India. | 15.73   |
| General Council Church Extension.....    | 19.42   |
| Chicago Theological Seminary.....        | 5.58    |
| Synodical Home Missions.....             | 6.70    |

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All on Apportionment.....\$62.69

**Cannon Falls Congregation, Cannon Falls, Minn.:**

No contributions.

**River Falls Congregations, River Falls, Wis.:**

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|------------------------------------|--------|
| Synodical Home Missions.....       | \$3.80 |
| Delegates' Traveling Expenses..... | 1.05   |

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\$4.85

**Our Savior, Ellsworth, Wis.:**

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|------------------------------------|--------|
| General Council Home Missions..... | \$5.00 |
| Chicago Theological Seminary.....  | 5.79   |

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All on Apportionment .....

\$10.79

**First Church, Platteville, Wis.:**

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|------------------------------------------|--------|
| Synodical Expenses .....                 | \$7.09 |
| General Council Home Missions.....       | 11.12  |
| General Council Church Extension.....    | 28.40  |
| Chicago Theological Seminary.....        | 8.00   |
| Synodical Delegates' Traveling Expenses. | 3.08   |

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All on Apportionment .....

\$60.69

**St. Peter's, Janesville, Wis.:**

No contributions.

**St. Mark's, Minneapolis, Minn.:**

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|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| Synodical Expenses .....                      | \$3.84 |
| Synodical Home Missions .....                 | 7.08   |
| Synodical Delegates' Traveling Expenses. .... | 2.62   |

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All on Apportionment ..... \$13.54

**Holy Trinity, Duluth, Minn.:**

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|------------------------------------|--------|
| Synodical Expense .....            | \$6.18 |
| General Council Home Missions..... | 3.00   |

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All on Apportionment ..... \$9.18

**Sisters Deaconess Mother Home. Milwaukee Wis.:**

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|---------------------------------------|---------|
| General Council Home Missions.....    | \$15.00 |
| General Council Church Extension..... | 32.73   |

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\$47.73

**Detailed Statement Synodical Expense Account.**

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Postage, Expressage, etc., President.....                           | \$37.52  |
| Postage and Expressing on Minutes, etc., Secretary .....            | 7.85     |
| Printing of Minutes .....                                           | 120.00   |
| Two years transcription on minutes into protocol, Rev. Boulton..... | 10.00    |
| General Council Expenses.....                                       | 38.30    |
|                                                                     | <hr/>    |
|                                                                     | \$213.67 |

**Detailed Statement Synodical Home Missions Account—  
Payments Made.**

|                                             |          |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|
| Grace Church, Kenosha, Wis.....             | \$15.00  |
| Rev. Peterson, North St. Paul, Mission..... | 25.00    |
| Rev. J. J. Clemens, Ellsworth, Mission..... | 80.00    |
| Education, Herman Wennermark.....           | 50.00    |
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|                                             | \$170.00 |

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. SMITH,  
Treasurer.

Minneapolis, Minn., June 8th, 1904.

The report was received and referred to an auditing committee.



The president then and at later sessions welcomed the following brethren: Rev. A. C. Anda, Chicago, Ill.; Rev. R. F. Weidner, D. D., L.L. D., Chicago, Ill.; Rev. John Telleen, D. D., Minneapolis, Minn.; Rev. H. E. Isaacson, Samulcot, India; Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D. D., Greensburg, Pa.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. J. A. Zundel and Mr. John Gogins were appointed tellers. The election resulted as follows:

*President*, REV. A. J. D. HAUPT.

*Secretary*, REV. C. L. WARSTLER.

*Treasurer*, MR. C. A. SMITH.

Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, president-elect, took the chair and led the synod in prayer. Synod then took a recess to enable the ministerium to meet to hear the report of the Examining Committee.

Synod again convened. The following resolution was reported from the ministerium:

That Rev. John Keehley, who comes with a letter of transfer from the Synod of New York and New England, is recommended to synod for reception.

The recommendation was adopted unanimously. Rev. Michael, of the Examining Committee, then presented Rev. Keehley to the president, who welcomed him into the synod.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The president appointed the following committees:

1. *President's Report*—Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., Rev. A. J. Reichert and Judge N. O. Werner.
2. *Auditing Committee*—Rev. John A. Zundel and Mr. Joseph A. Cox.
3. *Reception of Congregations*—Rev. H. K. Gebhart, Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., and Mr. J. G. Earhuff.

4. *Statistics and Parochial Reports*—Rev. John Keehley and Mr. Frank Shoop.

5. *Apportionment and Traveling Expenses*—Rev. F. S. Beistel and Mr. W. T. Eckles.

6. *Excuses*—Rev. D. W. Michael.

7. *Protocol*—Rev. P. E. Baisler and Mr. Michael Langbein.

8. *Press*—Rev. F. E. Jensen.

Closed with prayer by Rev. J. J. Clemens.

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## Second Session.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 1904, 9:00 A. M.

Opened with matins conducted by Rev. J. J. Clemens. The roll was called. The minutes were read, and with an addition, approved.

The report of the Executive Committee was read and considered item by item. On motion final action was deferred until the report of the Committee on President's Report shall have been considered.

The Ministerium presented a favorable report from the Examining Committee on the application of Mr. William Passavant Christy and recommended him to synod for ordination. The report was adopted. Dr. Frick, of the Examining Committee, presented Mr. Christy to the president, who welcomed him and informed him of the decision to ordain.

The report of the General Council Committee on Plan for Unification of English Home Mission Work was received and adopted.

### THE PLAN.

1. A Home Mission Board shall be elected by the General Council and shall consist of four clergymen and three laymen. It shall be located at such place as that Body may from time to time determine.



It shall exercise the following functions:

a. It shall have supervision of the missions committed to its care by the District Synods, and such other missions as are or may be established by it.

b. It shall make an estimate of the funds needed for its work, and recommend to the General Council the amounts to be apportioned to the Synods.

2. The Mission Board or Committee of each Synod having charge of English Home Missions shall be auxiliary to the General Board.

It shall be the duty of these Boards:

a. To lay before the General Council's Board, or its authorized agents, the mission needs of their Synods.

b. To furnish, through an accredited representative or otherwise, the necessary data for the Board's intelligent action; so that by definite and detailed plans, new missions may be properly established and those already in existence successfully conducted.

c. To present to their respective Synods a complete account of the General Council Board's missionary operations.

d. To recommend and urge upon their Synods such action as may be necessary to support the work of the General Council's Board whether in the raising of apportionments or in the spread of missionary intelligence.

[Signed]

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| L. G. ABRAHAMSON, | S. P. A. LINDAHL, |
| W. K. FRICK,      | E. AUG. MILLER,   |
| D. H. GEISSINGER, | G. W. SANDT,      |
| G. H. GERBERDING, | A. F. SIEBERT,    |
| C. K. HUNTON,     | A. L. YOUNT,      |
| W. L. HUNTON,     | H. A. WELLER,     |
| J. C. KUNZMANN,   | Committee.        |

Pittsburg, Pa., April 8, 1904.

The report of the Eastern Conference was received.

#### REPORT OF EASTERN CONFERENCE.

*To the President and Members of the Synod of the Northwest, Greeting:—*

The Eastern Conference respectfully submits the following report:

The Conference was organized during the synodical sessions at La Crosse, by the election of the undersigned officers. Two meetings were held during the year. The first was held in the Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, the mission at Cedarburg, Wis., and the Church of the Epiphany, Milwaukee, November 23-24, 1903. The second in

Grace Church, Kenosha, February 22-23, 1904, immediately following the dedication of Grace Church.

The first meeting opened with a communion service in the Church of the Redeemer, Rev. G. F. Gehr preaching the sermon. At Cedarburg the following subjects were discussed:

1. Luther's Small Catechism, a Treasury of Wisdom and Grace.
2. The Church Book, a Treasury of Devotion.
3. The Mission of the English Lutheran Church.

At Milwaukee the subjects were:

1. Experience with Adult Confirmation Classes.
2. The Western Field Secretary's Point of View.
3. The Relation of Conference to Synod, the General Council, and the Chicago Theological Seminary.

At Kenosha the program contained the following themes:

1. The Sunday School, (a) Object, (b) Method.
2. Hindrances to the Church's Growth, (a) Within, (b) Without.
3. The General Council, (a) History and Mission Work.  
(b) Men and Literature.
4. Chapter I. of "The Lutheran Pastor."
5. Our Home Mission Work, Plan and Prospect.

Field Secretary Anda was present at both meetings. At Kenosha, Conference was honored by the presence of the President of Synod, who spoke on the History and Mission Work of the General Council.

At the first meeting of Conference the following recommendation was submitted by the Committee on President's Report and was adopted by Conference.

"Since Wisconsin is a political and social unit, and because of the vast territory lying between eastern and western Wisconsin which could be more easily developed if all congregations in the state were united in one Conference, we recommend that synod be requested so to change the boundary line between the Central and the Eastern Conference that the latter shall include the entire State of Wisconsin."

The meetings were well attended and much interest was manifested.

With the addition of the Church of the Advent, Cedarburg, Wis., there are six congregations in the Conference, each of which has a Sunday School and a Luther League. Our Synod's strength in the State of Wisconsin to-day, is eight churches and two additional preaching points, with an aggregate of 1300 communicants, as over against one church with 218 communicants six years ago.

The prospects are bright for a more rapid development of our work in Wisconsin.

Respectfully submitted,

Adopted.

WM. K. FRICK, Pres.  
P. E. BAISLER, Sec'y.



On motion of Rev. Clemens the recommendation to change the boundaries of conferences was laid on the table for one year.

The report of the Committee on History of Synod was presented as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HISTORY OF SYNOD.

Since the last meeting of synod your committee have made some progress in the sale of the remaining copies and the paying off of the debts, but owing to the lack of co-operation, the work has been painfully slow.

|                                              |         |
|----------------------------------------------|---------|
| Balance on hand at date of last report ..... | \$26.49 |
| Total receipts for books sold, etc.....      | 48.30   |
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|                                              | \$74.79 |

#### Expenditures—

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|----------------------------------------|---------|
| To printing and binding, in full ..... | \$23 99 |
| On account of \$150.00 loan .....      | 45.00   |
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|                                        | \$68.99 |

#### Assets—

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|------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Books still out and unpaid .....               | \$4.80   |
| Bound copies on hand .....                     | 2.30     |
| Due on cuts from pastors and churches .....    | 39.25    |
| 416 unbound copies at 24½ cents per copy ..... | 101.92   |
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|                                                | \$147.27 |

#### Bills Payable—

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| Still due on note..... | (with interest.) \$105.00 |
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Your committee recommended to the Executive committee of synod that this balance be paid out of the synodical funds as synod has assumed the debt and that then some action be taken to dispose of the 400 unbound copies still on hand. The sale of the remainder of the books should be pressed with vigor, but it is not in the power of your committee, unaided by the pastors of synod to do this.

A. J. D. HAUPT,  
ALFRED RAMSEY,  
C. L. WARSTLER,  
FRANK SHOOP.

Moved, That synod pay the remaining indebtedness.  
Carried.

Moved, That the committee be discharged and the remaining unbound copies be turned over to the chairman of the committee for disposition.

Adopted.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RECEPTION OF CONGREGATIONS.

The Committee on Reception of Congregations reported as follows :

Your committee reports that the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Advent, Cedarburg, Wisconsin, has applied for reception into synod. While the constitution of the congregation was not submitted, the committee is assured that the constitution for congregations as recommended by synod has been adopted in full, and therefore recommend the reception of this congregation.

H. K. GEBHART,

GEORGE H. TRABERT,

J. G. EARHUFF,

Committee.

The report was adopted and the congregation received.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. R. A. Helms.

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## Third Session.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2:00 P. M.

The afternoon session was opened with a devotional service led by Rev. P. E. Baisler.

The roll was called.

The Archivarius reported as follows :

#### REPORT OF THE ARCHIVARIUS.

The Archivarius has received the usual material.

W. K. FRICK.

The report of the Committee on Revision of Constitution and By-laws was received and considered.



On the arrival of the time for adjournment, on motion the time was extended fifteen minutes for the consideration of an item of miscellaneous business.

Moved, by Mr. C. A. Smith, that a committee be appointed to investigate and report on plans for providing for disabled and superannuated pastors.

Closed with prayer by Rev. A. C. Petersor.

#### REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee would beg leave to report that we have examined the books and vouchers of the Treasurer of Synod for the synodical year of 1903-4, and find them correct in every particular.

JOHN A. ZUNDEL,  
JOSEPH A. COX,  
Committee.

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## Fourth Session.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1904, 9:00 A. M.

Opened with the matin service by Rev. W. P. Christy. Roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

The report of the delegates to the General Council was as follows:

#### REPORT OF DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

The twenty-ninth convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America was held in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, Norristown, Pa., October 8-13, 1903.

It was upon the whole the best attended and one of the most enthusiastic conventions that had been hitherto held. There was a spirit of unity and harmony pervading the whole meeting which showed that all realized that they were

brethren who were laboring together for one common cause, the upbuilding of God's kingdom. There was not one discordant note during the proceedings, Germans, Swedes and English realizing that the mission of the church can best be fulfilled by united effort.

It was a matter of great satisfaction that the troubles which had existed on our Foreign Mission Field were all matters of the past, and in spite of them there has been marked progress in the work.

The Board of Foreign Missions has secured the services of Rev. Dr. Harpster, from the General Synod, who is superintendent of the work in India, and has succeeded in bringing everything into good working order. One new missionary, the Rev. E. H. Trafford, was set apart for work in India.

The report of the Board of German Home Missions showed that it is doing excellent work in the Northwest Provinces and along the Pacific coast.

Mission work has been continued in Porto Rico, where a new church was built in Catano. The work is making healthy progress, but was handicapped for want of more laborers.

The report of the Board of English Home Missions showed that fifteen missions, and mission Sunday schools, were added to the nineteen reported two years previous. A Field Secretary has been added to the working force. A plan for unification of the Home Mission work throughout the General Council was presented and discussed and then referred to a committee which should formulate a plan to be laid before the several synods for action.

Fraternal greetings were presented by Prof. Proehl, of the German Iowa Synod, by Dr. R. C. Holland, of the United Church of the South, and Dr. E. K. Bell, of the General Synod. These all voiced the spirit of unity in faith and harmony which existed between those bodies and the General Council. There was also a communication from



the Icelandic Synod, and one from the President of the German Iowa Synod. Official visitors were appointed to the General Synod, to the United Synod of the South, to the German Iowa Synod, to the Icelandic Synod, to the United Danish Synod, and to the Triennial meeting of the Lutheran General Conference to be held in Europe in 1904.

A report was made with respect to a General Conference held in the week after Easter in 1902, in Philadelphia, by representatives of the General Council, General Synod, and the United Church of the South, showing that such conferences have been of very decided service and have "enabled those dissociated to learn to know each other." The committee was instructed to request the joint committee that the next General Conference be held at Pittsburg. It has since been held. A committee was again appointed to co-operate with a similar committee from the other General bodies to arrange for a future General Conference.

Theses on divorce and marriage were presented by Dr. H. E. Jacobs and were discussed in part, to be taken up at the next convention. The Publication Board reported that the business has had a steady growth, the volume of business for twenty-three months amounting to over \$100,000.00.

On Saturday afternoon the General Council made a pilgrimage to the Trapp, to visit the grave of the patriarch of our church in America, the Rev. H. M. Muhlenberg, D.D. A most interesting and impressive service was held in the venerable building erected in 1743.

The number of missions in the General Council is 655 with 33,242 members, served by 341 pastors. The value of mission property is \$1,352,461.00.

The next meeting of the General Council will be held in the Church of the Redeemer, at Milwaukee, in October, 1905.

GEORGE H. TRABERT,  
WILLIAM K. FRICK,  
C. A. SMITH.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Protocol submitted the following report :

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROTOCOL.

The Committee has examined the Protocol and finds the minutes of synod written up to the close of last meeting of synod.

P. E. BAISLER,  
MICHAEL LANGBEIN.

The Central Conference reported :

#### REPORT OF CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

*To the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest, Greeting:—*

The Central Conference respectfully submits the following report:

The Conference, composed of thirteen congregations in Minnesota, two in Wisconsin and one in North Dakota, was temporarily organized at La Crosse, Wis., during the convention of Synod, June, 1903. The first regular convention was held at Ellsworth, Wis., November 2nd to 4th, 1903.

After careful consideration a constitution and by-laws were adopted and is herewith submitted for your approval. The permanent officers elected were, President, Rev. D. W. Michael; Secretary, Rev. Frank S. Beistel; and Treasurer, Rev. Alfred Ramsey.

The following subjects were discussed:

The Gospel for the 22nd Sunday after Trinity.

Duty of Belonging to a Local Congregation.

Recent Meeting of the General Council.

Piety in Pulpit and Pew, Public and Private.

Epistle for the 22nd Sunday after Trinity.

Best Methods of Sunday School Instruction.

Local Congregation and the General Church Work.

A second convention was held in Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Paul, April 18th to 20th, 1904. Rev. John A. Zundel preached the opening sermon.

Believing that the work of the Conference should be prominently before the people, it was *Resolved*, To print and distribute programs through the congregations previous to the conventions and also to publish and distribute an abstract of the proceedings.



In order to better ground ourselves in the confessional basis of the church, it was *Resolved* to discuss at each convention in their order the Articles of the Augsburg Confession.

In the reports from the field each brother came with the glad announcement of large accessions and overflowing churches at the Easter season.

The next convention will be held in St. John's, Duluth, in September, 1904.

D. W. MICHAEL, President.

FRANK S. BEISTEL, Secretary.

Adopted.

On motion, the consideration of the constitution submitted by the Central Conference was deferred until after the adoption of the revised constitution of synod.

#### PLACE OF NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

An invitation for the next meeting of synod was received from the Church of the Holy Communion, Racine, Wisconsin. The invitation was accepted by a unanimous vote.

The report of Committee on President's Report was received and considered.

Closed with prayer by Dr. Trabert.

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## Fifth Session.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1904, 2 P. M.

Opened with a devotional service led by Rev. R. A. Helms.

Roll was called and minutes read and approved. The special order for the afternoon was the consideration of the Report on the Revision of the Constitution.

According to resolution of synod, Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, D. D., Superintendent of English Home Missions, addressed synod from four o'clock until time for adjournment.

*Resolved*, That the hearty thanks of synod be tendered

to Pastor Jensen and the members and friends of Trinity congregation for their generous hospitality; and that this action be announced at the morning service on the coming Lord's Day.

Adopted.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Kunzmann.

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## Sixth Session.

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 1904, 9:00 A. M.

Opened with devotional service conducted by Rev. D. W. Michael. Roll was called. Minutes were read and approved. The president appointed Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., Judge N. O. Werner and Mr. A. G. Johnson, committee to investigate and report on plans for providing for disabled and superannuated pastors.

The Excuse Committee submitted its report:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXCUSES.

Your Committee on Excuses submits the following report:

1st.—The following pastors have been absent the entire convention of synod without an excuse:

Rev. S. W. Kuhns and Rev. R. L. Leatherman.

Your committee recommends that they be not excused.

2nd.—The following pastors have been absent the entire convention of synod with valid excuse:

Rev. J. M. Tise and Rev. Alfred Ramsey.

Your committee recommends that they be excused.

3rd.—The following pastors have been absent from part of the sessions of synod:

Rev. F. S. Beistel and W. P. Christy. Recommend that they be excused.

4th.—The following lay delegates asked to be excused:

C. A. Smith, O. Wold, Michael Langbein, Frank Shoop,



F. W. Peterson, Judge N. O. Werner, J. A. Cox and K. Toresen.

Respectfully your committee,  
D. W. MICHAEL.

The report of Committee on President's Report was given final consideration and adopted.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your committee notes, with gratitude to the great Head of the Church, the continued progress of our synodical work as outlined in the President's Report.

We recommend the following:

1st.—That the matter of the Pierce County work be committed to the Executive Committee, with power to appropriate a sum not exceeding \$200 a year to this field.

2nd.—That we approve the work done at Mankato, and recommend that the further continuance of it be committed to the Executive Committee.

3rd.—We note with great pleasure the extension of the work of the Lindstrom parish into the country, and trust that the day is not far distant when the rural congregations may constitute a second parish.

4th.—That, recognizing the need of a Field Secretary for Minnesota and the Dakotas, we recommend that the synod, through its Executive Committee, request the General Council English Home Mission Board to appoint a suitable man for the field, and inform the Board that an effort will be made by synod to provide the salary, in part or whole.

5th.—That renewed attention be called to the desirability of taking up offerings for all the benevolent and missionary operations of the church.

6th.—That the officers of synod be empowered to take out articles of incorporation for the synod.

W. K. FRICK,  
A. J. REICHERT.

The report of the Executive Committee was adopted as follows :

#### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee respectfully submits the following report for the past year :

**EDUCATION.**—Aid to Mr. Herman Wennermark, who has recently been graduated at Gustavus Adolphus College, was granted to the amount of \$50.00. The report of his three years' standing is highly creditable. Dr. Wahlstrom, president of the college, recommends him as a faithful, earnest and conscientious young man. Mr. Wennermark expects to enter the Chicago Seminary in the fall. He has given his note for \$115.00, according to the rules and regulations for beneficiary education.

**MISSIONS.**—At the meeting of the committee at LaCrosse, aid at the rate of \$10 a month was granted to the Ellsworth parish. This amount was paid until December 31, 1903, at which time Rev. J. J. Clemens, missionary, removed from the field to become pastor of Holy Trinity congregation, La Crosse. Since then the parish has been vacant. It was visited by the president of the Central Conference, the secretary of synod, and also by Pastor Haupt, but is as yet without a pastor.

About December 1, 1903, Rev. A. C. Peterson took charge of St. Mark's, North St. Paul and St. Stephen's Sunday school of St. Paul. Your committee, together with the General Council Board of English Home Missions, has aided this work. St. Mark's has made considerable progress. The missionary, feeling that justice could not be done either place by carrying on both, withdrew from St. Stephen's about April 30, 1904. This Sunday school is being continued by Revs. Beistel and Warstler. We recommend that synod approve the work done at St. Stephen's and that it be placed under the care of the Executive Committee.



Work has been begun also at Mankato. The committee has secured the services for the summer of Mr. Andrew Sappenfield from Chicago Seminary. Field Secretary Anda has agreed to visit the field and to assist in starting the work.

The carrying on of the work at North St. Paul and at Mankato, has been made possible by the liberality of a member of one of our congregations.

An application for a student has come from Grand Marais, Minn. Student H. F. Obenauf, of the Chicago Seminary, is now there.

In compliance with the request of the General Council that members be elected to serve on its Committee on Plan of Unifying the English Home Mission Work of the General Council, Rev. Drs. Trabert and Frick were elected to serve on this committee, the former was unable to attend. The latter took part in the work of the committee and will present the report adopted by the joint committee at Pittsburg.

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|----------------|-----------------|
| G. H. TRABERT, | C. A. SMITH,    |
| W. K. FRICK,   | V. L. JOHNSON,  |
| D. W. MICHAEL, | C. L. WARSTLER. |

Moved by Rev. Dr. Frick :

*Resolved*, That having learned of the drowning in this immediate vicinity, of Mr. Arthur Frodeen, on Saturday evening, June 11th, we hereby express our profound sympathy with Rev. J. J. Frodeen and family in their affliction, and instruct the president to convey the same to Brother Frodeen. Adopted.

Moved, That 1,350 copies of the minutes be printed. Adopted.

On motion, the secretary was instructed to send out copies of the minutes at the ratio of one for every three communicants.

*Resolved*, That the item on Church Extension Society, page 43, minutes of 1903, be reconsidered. Resolution

adopted. The following substitute was adopted: "That the Executive Committee be empowered to hold and administer any funds that may be committed to synod for church extension purposes."

The report of the Committee on Statistics and Parochial Reports was presented. On motion, the report was recommended to the committee to report later in the meeting, or if this be impossible, to report to the Executive Committee.

The revision of the constitution was considered.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Gehr.

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## Seventh Session.

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 1904, 2:00 P. M.

Opened with devotional service by Rev. J. A. Zundel. Roll called and minutes approved.

Moved and adopted, That we express our hearty appreciation of the presence with us of the Rev. H. E. Isaacson, one of our missionaries to India, who is now on a furlough in this country and who expects to return to his field of labor in Samulcot, India, this fall. We pray upon him and family, as well as upon his work and all the work in India, God's richest blessing.

The consideration of the revision of the constitution was resumed.

At four o'clock, according to resolution of synod, a service of prayer for more ministers, led by Rev. F. E. Jensen, was held. Scripture was read by Rev. Jensen. Hymns 287 and 288 were sung. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Frick and Rev. Haupt. Synod united in the collects for the ministry as found in the Church Book.

On motion, the reports of regular committees was made the order of business.

A partial report of the Apportionment and Traveling



Expense Committee was received. After some discussion the report was referred to the committee to be completed and handed to the Executive Committee.

Moved by Rev. Beistel, That the members of synod be allowed for their traveling expenses an amount in proportion to the time of their attendance at the sessions of synod. Adopted.

Lay members of the Executive Committee, Judge N. O. Werner from the Central Conference, and James Harms from the Eastern Conference, were elected members of the Executive Committee.

Moved and adopted, That the committee on Statistics and Parochial Reports for next meeting of synod be appointed at this meeting and that all parochial reports be forwarded to the committee at least ten days before the meeting of synod.

Moved, That the consideration of the revision of the constitution and by-laws be continued at the next meeting of synod.

On motion, Dr. Frick was elected an additional member of the committee on revision of constitution.

The committee to collate the standing rules of synod submitted its report.

Report was considered.

Moved, That when synod adjourns, it adjourn to meet the Tuesday evening after the second Sunday after Trinity, 1905, in the Church of the Holy Communion, Racine, Wisconsin. Adopted.

Motion made and adopted, That the ministerium meet at three o'clock on Tuesday afternoon before opening of synod.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The president appointed the following standing committees :

*Archivarius*—Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D.

*Examining Committee*—Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., Rev. Alfred Ramsey.

*Statistics and Parochial Reports*—Rev. John Keehley, Rev. F. S. Beistel.

#### CLOSE OF SYNOD.

The first and second stanzas of "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," were sung. Rev. Alex. J. D. Haupt, President of Synod, then closed the convention with the order for closing of synods.

C. L. WARSTLER,  
Secretary.

The following reports were received and accepted by the Executive Committee after the close of the meeting of synod:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS AND PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

|                                              |              |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| No. of Pastors.....                          | 18           |
| “ Congregations .....                        | 22           |
| “ Sunday Schools.....                        | 24           |
| “ Churches and Chapels .....                 | 18           |
| “ Parsonages.....                            | 4            |
| Valuation of Church Property .....           | \$142,500.00 |
| Total Amount of Indebtedness.....            | \$65,400.00  |
| Communicant Membership date last report..... | 3034         |
| Accessions—Adult Baptisms .....              | 25           |
| Confirmations .....                          | 350          |
| Letter.....                                  | 74           |
| Profession of Faith.....                     | 338          |
| Restoration .....                            | 8            |
| Total.....                                   | 795          |
| Losses—By Death.....                         | 18           |
| By Transfer .....                            | 66           |
| Dropped from Roll .....                      | 241          |
| Total.....                                   | 325          |
| Net gain during year .....                   | 470          |
| Present Communicant Membership.....          | 3504         |



|                                              |      |
|----------------------------------------------|------|
| Number Communed during year .....            | 2700 |
| Total Baptized Membership .....              | 6544 |
| Number of Infants Baptized during year ..... | 273  |

## Contributions—

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Synodical Apportionment ..... | \$1,937.37 |
| Synodical Expense Fund .....  | \$212.85   |
| Traveling Expense Fund .....  | 107.47     |

## Beneficence—

|                                          |        |
|------------------------------------------|--------|
| Synodical Home Missions .....            | 124.47 |
| Beneficiary Education, Chicago Sem. .... | 375.65 |
| General Council Home Missions ...        | 322.59 |
| “ “ Church Extension ..                  | 311.03 |
| “ “ For. Missions, India                 | 268.13 |
| “ “ “ Porto Rico                         | 67.13  |

|                                        |           |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|
| Total Paid on Apportionment .....      | 1,789.32  |
| Other Charitable Objects .....         | 554.34    |
| Current Expenses and Church Debt. .... | 27,843.64 |

Grand Total..... \$30,187.30

## Sunday Schools—

|                             |      |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Teachers and Officers ..... | 350  |
| Scholars Enrolled .....     | 3376 |
| Average Attendance .....    | 2093 |

## Contributions—

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| General Expense ..... | \$2,212.03 |
| Benevolence .....     | 561.90     |

## SOCIETIES.

| Name                  | Members | Av. Attend. | Local Objects | Benevolence |
|-----------------------|---------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| Luther League .....   | 548     | 254         | \$637.04      | \$48.00     |
| Ladies' Aid .....     | 621     | 285         | 3,267.14      | 183.25      |
| Other Societies ..... | 242     | 142         | 427.85        | 49.75       |

Total ..... 1411      681      \$4,332.03      \$281.00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KEEHLEY,  
FRANK SHOOP,  
Committee.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

We recommend that the following apportionments be made for the ensuing year :

|                                                             |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Synodical Expense Fund—8 cents per member .....             | \$280.80   |
| Traveling Expense Fund—5 cents per member.....              | 169.75     |
| Chicago Theological Seminary—10 cents per member.....       | 351.00     |
| Beneficiary Education—3 cents per member.....               | 105.30     |
| General Council Foreign Missions, India—10 cents per member | 351.00     |
| “ “ “ “ Porto Rico—3 cents per member                       | 105.30     |
| “ “ Home Missions—10 cents per member.....                  | 351.00     |
| “ “ Church Extension—10 cents per member .....              | 351.00     |
| Synodical Home Missions—8 cents per member.....             | 280.80     |
| Total, 67 cents per member.....                             | \$2,345.95 |

We further recommend that the congregations be apportioned as follows :

|                                     | Synodical<br>Expense. | Trav.<br>Expense. | Gen'l Be-<br>neficence. | Total<br>Appor'mt |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| St. John's, Minneapolis.....        | \$26.88               | \$16.80           | \$181.44                | \$225.12          |
| Memorial, St. Paul .....            | 22.56                 | 14.10             | 152.28                  | 188.94            |
| Trinity, St. Paul.....              | 10.32                 | 6.45              | 69.66                   | 86.43             |
| St. Paul's, Red Wing.....           | 27.68                 | 17.30             | 186.94                  | 231.82            |
| Salem, Minneapolis.....             | 17.52                 | 10.95             | 118.26                  | 146.73            |
| St. John's, Duluth .....            | 12.80                 | 8.00              | 86.40                   | 107.20            |
| St. Mark's, North St. Paul.....     | 7.68                  | 4.80              | 51.84                   | 64.32             |
| St. James, St. Paul.....            | 9.12                  | 5.70              | 61.56                   | 76.38             |
| St. Luke's, Goodhue.....            | 8.64                  | 5.40              | 58.32                   | 72.36             |
| Cannon Falls.....                   | 5.12                  | 3.20              | 34.56                   | 42.88             |
| Trinity, Lindstrom.....             | 9.36                  | .....             | 63.18                   | 72.54             |
| St. Mark's, Minneapolis.....        | 6.40                  | 4.00              | 43.20                   | 53.60             |
| Holy Trinity, Duluth .....          | 2.72                  | 1.70              | 18.36                   | 22.78             |
| Redeemer, Milwaukee.....            | 31.92                 | 19.95             | 215.46                  | 267.33            |
| Holy Communion, Racine .....        | 22.56                 | 14.10             | 152.28                  | 188.94            |
| Holy Trinity, La Crosse.....        | 8.24                  | 5.15              | 55.62                   | 69.01             |
| Our Saviour, Ellsworth .....        | 3.84                  | 2.40              | 25.92                   | 32.16             |
| Grace, Kenosha.....                 | 10.80                 | 6.75              | 72.90                   | 90.45             |
| Eng. Ev. Lutheran, Platteville..... | 19.28                 | 12.05             | 130.14                  | 161.47            |
| St. Peter's, Janesville .....       | 4.96                  | 3.10              | 33.48                   | 41.54             |
| Advent, Cedarburg .....             | 2.40                  | 1.50              | 16.20                   | 20.10             |
| St. Mark's, Fargo.....              | 10.00                 | 6.25              | 67.50                   | 83.73             |



## TRAVELING EXPENSE.

|                               | Exp. of<br>Clergy. | Exp. of<br>Laymen | Total<br>Trav. Exp. | Assess-<br>ment. | Am't Due<br>Synod. | Am't Due<br>Cong'n. |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| St. John's, Minneapolis ..... |                    |                   |                     | \$16.80          | \$16.80            |                     |
| Memorial, St. Paul .....      | \$1.30             | \$1.65            | \$2.95              | 14.10            | 11.15              |                     |
| Trinity, St. Paul .....       | 1.30               | 1.55              | 2.85                | 6.45             | 3.60               |                     |
| St. Paul's, Red Wing...       | 2.83               |                   | 2.83                | 17.30            | 14.47              |                     |
| Salem, Minneapolis.....       | 1.30               | 1.65              | 2.95                | 10.95            | 8.00               |                     |
| St. John's, Duluth.....       | 3.70               | 7.40              | 11.10               | 8.00             |                    | \$3.10              |
| Trinity, Duluth.....          |                    |                   |                     | 1.70             | 1.70               |                     |
| St. Mark's, N. St. Paul       | 1.40               | 1.75              | 3.15                | 4.80             | 1.65               |                     |
| St. James, St. Paul .....     | 1.30               | 1.55              | 2.80                | 5.70             | 2.90               |                     |
| St. Luke's, Goodhue....       | 2.70               |                   | 2.70                | 5.40             | 2.70               |                     |
| Cannon Falls .....            |                    |                   |                     | 3.20             | 3.20               |                     |
| Lindstrom .....               |                    |                   |                     |                  |                    |                     |
| St. Mark's, Minneapolis       | 1.30               |                   | 1.30                | 4.00             | 2.70               |                     |
| Redeemer, Milwaukee..         | 10.95              |                   | 10.95               | 19.95            | 9.00               |                     |
| Communion, Racine ....        | 11.60              | 19.60             | 31.30               | 14.10            |                    | 17.20               |
| Holy Trinity, La Crosse       | 5.28               | 8.05              | 13.33               | 5.15             |                    | 8.18                |
| Our Saviour, Ellsworth .....  |                    | 3.70              | 3.70                | 2.40             |                    | 1.30                |
| Grace, Kenosha.....           | 12.50              | 19.50             | 32.00               | 6.75             |                    | 25.25               |
| Ev. Luth., Platteville...     | 10.95              |                   | 10.95               | 12.05            | 1.10               |                     |
| St. Peter's, Janesville...    | 10.20              |                   | 10.20               | 3.10             |                    | 7.10                |
| Advent, Cedarburg .....       |                    |                   |                     | 1.50             | 1.50               |                     |
| St. Mark's, Fargo.....        | 8.48               | 16.11             | 24.59               | 6.25             |                    | 18.34               |
|                               |                    |                   |                     |                  |                    |                     |
|                               |                    |                   |                     | \$169.65         | \$169.65           | \$80.47 \$80.47     |

NOTE.—In remitting traveling expenses due synod from congregations send the amount indicated in the fifth column.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK S. BEISTEL,  
W. T. ECKLES.

## Minutes of Meetings of the Ministerium.

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### FIRST MEETING.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1904, 4:00 P. M.

The ministerium was called to order by President Haupt and opened with prayer by Rev. P. E. Baisler. The Examining Committee offered the following report:

The Examining Committee has had a colloquium with Rev. John Keehley, who presents an honorable transfer from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of New York and New England, and recommends him for reception into synod.

W. K. FRICK,  
D. W. MICHAEL.

The report was received and the recommendation adopted for presentation to synod. The meeting adjourned.

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### SECOND MEETING.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 1904, 8:45 A. M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Reichert. In the absence of the secretary, Rev. Baisler was appointed secretary *pro tem*. The following report of the Examining Committee was received and adopted:

William Passavant Christy, a graduate of Thiel College, and of the Chicago Theological Seminary, was duly examined by your Examining Committee and is recommended for ordination.

W. K. FRICK,  
D. W. MICHAEL.

The meeting of the ministerium then adjourned.

P. E. BAISLER,  
*Secretary pro tem.*



## PAROCHIAL REPORTS FROM WHITSUNDAY, MAY 31, 1903, TO WHITSUNDAY, MAY 22, 1904.

| In-<br>dex<br>No. | CHURCH AND LOCATION.                                                                    | NAME AND ADDRESS OF PASTOR.                                | Organ-<br>ized | Com-<br>mu-<br>nized<br>Mem. | Bap-<br>tized<br>Mem. | No.<br>Com-<br>mun-<br>ed | Child-<br>ren<br>Bap-<br>tized | ACCESSIONS    |              |            |                       | LOSSES    |            |     |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|-----|
|                   |                                                                                         |                                                            |                |                              |                       |                           |                                | ADULT<br>BAP. | CON-<br>FIRM | BY<br>LET. | RE-<br>CON-<br>FIRMED | BY<br>DTH | BY<br>TRAM | DED |
| MINNESOTA.        |                                                                                         |                                                            |                |                              |                       |                           |                                |               |              |            |                       |           |            |     |
| 1                 | ST. JOHN'S, MINNEAPOLIS.<br>17th St. and Chicago Ave.                                   | Rev. Alfred Ramsey, Minneapolis,<br>1910 Columbus Ave.     | 1883           | 336                          | 439                   | 185                       | 12                             | 12            | 5            | 3          |                       | 2         | 6          |     |
| 2                 | MEMORIAL, ST. PAUL,<br>West Sixth St. near Exchange St.                                 | Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, St. Paul,<br>175 Iglehart St.         | 1883           | 282                          | 522                   | 262                       | 37                             | 1             | 33           | 15         |                       | 2         | 6          | 120 |
| 3                 | TRINITY, ST. PAUL,<br>Corner Robie and Ada Sts.                                         | Rev. C. L. Warstler, St. Paul,<br>572 State St.            | 1886           | 129                          | 294                   | 121                       | 20                             | 1             | 23           | 12         | 1                     |           |            | 8   |
| 4                 | ST. PAUL'S, RED WING,<br>West Ave. near 4th St.                                         | Rev. A. J. Reichert, Red Wing<br>612 Fourth St.            | 1886           | 340                          | 537                   | 271                       | 16                             |               | 34           | 5          | 4                     | 4         | 17         | 10  |
| 5                 | SALEM, MINNEAPOLIS,<br>28th St. and Garfield Ave.                                       | Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., Minneapolis,<br>606 W. 28th St. | 1890           | 219                          | 459                   | 183                       | 12                             | 2             | 20           | 3          | 18                    | 1         | 4          | 13  |
| 6                 | ST. JOHN'S, DULUTH,<br>3rd St. and Lake Ave.                                            | Rev. D. W. Michael, Duluth,<br>312 Lake St. N.             | 1890           | 160                          | 365                   | 94                        | 14                             |               | 9            | 2          |                       |           | 9          |     |
| 7                 | ST. MARK'S, NORTH ST. PAUL.                                                             | Rev. A. C. Peterson, North St. Paul.                       | 1890           | 96                           | 171                   | 67                        | 1                              |               | 8            |            | 52                    |           |            | 16  |
| 8                 | ST. JAMES, ST. PAUL,<br>Marshall Ave. and Grotto St.                                    | Rev. F. S. Beistel, St. Paul,<br>747 Ashland Ave.          | 1895           | 114                          | 257                   | 103                       | 3                              | 1             | 18           | 4          | 8                     |           | 1          | 8   |
| 9                 | ST. LUKE'S, GOODHUE.                                                                    | Rev. Robert A. Helms,<br>Cannon Falls.                     | 1897           | 108                          | 143                   | 38                        | 9                              |               | 15           | 1          |                       |           |            | 4   |
| 10                | ENG. EV. LUTHERAN, CANNON FALLS.                                                        |                                                            | 1900           | 64                           | 128                   | 35                        |                                |               | 10           | 2          | 2                     |           | 1          | 12  |
| 11                | TRINITY, LINDSTROM.                                                                     | Rev. F. E. Jensen, Lindstrom.                              | 1901           | 117                          | 257                   | 103                       | 22                             | 5             | 12           | 14         | 5                     |           |            | 1   |
| 12                | ST. MARK'S, MINNEAPOLIS,<br>23rd Ave. N. and Lyndale Ave.                               | Rev. John Keehley, Minneapolis,<br>2407 N. Lyndale Ave.    | 1902           | 80                           | 200                   | 70                        | 2                              |               | 12           | 4          | 23                    |           |            | 2   |
| 13                | TRINITY, DULUTH,<br>West End.                                                           | Vacant.                                                    | 1902           | No                           | Re                    | port                      |                                |               |              |            |                       |           |            |     |
| 14                | CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, MILWAUKEE<br>Sixteenth St., between Grand Ave. and<br>Wells St. | Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D.,<br>Milwaukee, 2305 Cedar St.      | 1890           | 399                          | 639                   | 290                       | 18                             | 4             | 27           | 10         | 14                    | 2         | 7          | 7   |
| 15                | CHURCH OF EPIPHANY, MILWAUKEE,<br>4th and Locust Sts.                                   |                                                            | Unorg          | In                           | clud                  | ed                        | In a                           | bove          |              |            |                       |           |            |     |
| 16                | CHURCH OF HOLY COMMUNION, RACINE,<br>10th and Washington Sts.                           | Rev. G. F. Gehr, Racine,<br>745 Villa St.                  | 1898           | 282                          | 660                   | 250                       | 30                             | 2             | 38           | 5          | 37                    | 5         |            | 12  |
| 17                | CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY, LA CROSSE,<br>West Ave. and Ferry Sts.                          | Rev. J. J. Clemens, LaCrosse,<br>1611 Madison St.          | 1898           | 103                          | 397                   | 89                        | 22                             |               | 1            | 3          | 6                     | 3         | 4          | 6   |
| 18                | CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, ELLSWORTH.                                                       | Vacant.                                                    | 1900           | No                           | re                    | port                      |                                |               |              |            |                       |           |            |     |
| 19                | GRACE ENG. EV. LUTHERAN, KENOSHA,<br>Prairie Ave. and Lyman Ave.                        | Rev. P. E. Balsler, Kenosha,<br>716 Pomeroy St.            | 1901           | 135                          | 380                   | 116                       | 15                             | 4             | 17           | 2          | 37                    | 2         | 2          | 11  |
| 20                | ENG. EV. LUTHERAN, PLATTEVILLE.                                                         | Rev. H. K. Gebhart, Platteville,                           | 1902           | 241                          | 371                   | 219                       | 20                             | 4             | 26           | 2          | 39                    | 2         | 4          | 1   |
| 21                | ST. PETER'S, JANESVILLE,<br>Jackson and Center Sts.                                     | Rev. W. P. Christy, Janesville,<br>160 Madison St.         | 1903           | 62                           | 82                    | 62                        | 2                              | 1             | 9            |            | 28                    |           |            |     |
| 22                | CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, CEDARBURG,<br>NORTH DAKOTA.                                       | Student C. A. Dennig, Cedarburg.                           | 1904           | 30                           | 63                    | 17                        | 1                              |               | 7            |            | 23                    |           |            |     |
| 23                | ST. MARK'S, FARGO,<br>4th Ave. and 8th St.                                              | Rev. J. A. Zundel Fargo,<br>319 8th St. N.                 | 1891           | 125                          | 274                   | 125                       | 17                             |               | 19           |            | 12                    | 2         |            | 3   |

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| CONTRIBUTIONS.—Including those of Sunday Schools and Church Societies.  |                    |                       |                               |                                                        |                                        |                                           |                                   |            |                                        |                            |                                           |                |                                  |               |                                 |                     | SUNDAY SCHOOLS    |  |  |  |  |
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| In-<br>dex<br>No.                                                       | Appor-<br>tionment | SYNODICAL<br>EXPENSES | SYNODICAL<br>HOME<br>MISSIONS | BENEFICIA-<br>RY<br>EDUCATION<br>& CHICAGO<br>SEMINARY | GENERAL<br>COUNCIL<br>HOME<br>MISSIONS | GENERAL<br>COUNCIL<br>CHURCH<br>EXTENSION | GEN. COUN.<br>FOREIGN<br>MISSIONS |            | TOTAL<br>PAID ON<br>APPOR-<br>TIONMENT | OTHER<br>BENEVO-<br>LENCES | CURRENT<br>EXPENSES AND<br>CHURCH<br>DEBT | GRAND<br>TOTAL | TEACH-<br>ERS &<br>OFFI-<br>CERS | SCHOL-<br>ARS | AVER-<br>AGE<br>ATTEND-<br>ANCE | CURRENT<br>EXPENSES | BENEVO-<br>LENCES |  |  |  |  |
|                                                                         |                    |                       |                               |                                                        |                                        |                                           | INDIA                             | PORTO RICO |                                        |                            |                                           |                |                                  |               |                                 |                     |                   |  |  |  |  |
| 1                                                                       | \$207.68           | \$45.58               |                               | \$29.92                                                | \$27.77                                | \$29.04                                   | \$34.75                           |            | \$167.06                               | \$51.00                    | \$2662.73                                 | \$2880.79      | 21                               | 200           | 119                             | \$159.17            | \$69.40           |  |  |  |  |
| 2                                                                       | 224.10             | 49.60                 | \$23.10                       |                                                        | 40.00                                  | 25.00                                     | 35.00                             | \$12.00    | 184.70                                 | 39.25                      | 2241.15                                   | 2465.10        | 26                               | 236           | 130                             | 187.25              | 112.80            |  |  |  |  |
| 3                                                                       | 64.10              | 11.92                 | 11.37                         | 12.89                                                  | 18.85                                  | 16.30                                     | 14.03                             |            | 85.36                                  | 15.50                      | 1165.59                                   | 1266.45        | 18                               | 193           | 131                             | 73.23               |                   |  |  |  |  |
| 4                                                                       | 210.25             | 46.25                 | 5.00                          | 41.85                                                  | 12.40                                  | 33.44                                     | 14.16                             | 5.25       | 158.35                                 | 8.64                       | 1250.00                                   | 1416.99        | 19                               | 216           | 140                             | 144.31              |                   |  |  |  |  |
| 5                                                                       | 124.35             | 20.83                 | 35.00                         | 113.10                                                 | 41.98                                  | 51.00                                     | 40.12                             | 10.00      | 312.03                                 | 81.18                      | 1740.75                                   | 2133.96        | 24                               | 270           | 157                             | 108.96              | 97.44             |  |  |  |  |
| 6                                                                       | 101.28             | 46.65                 |                               | 15.00                                                  | 15.00                                  | 5.65                                      | 15.00                             | 15.00      | 102.30                                 |                            | 1380.00                                   | 1482.30        | 20                               |               |                                 | 115.00              |                   |  |  |  |  |
| 7                                                                       | 32.76              | 6.76                  | 5.00                          | 2.00                                                   | 4.00                                   | 2.00                                      | 2.00                              | 2.00       | 23.76                                  | 5.00                       | 250.00                                    | 278.76         | 14                               | 80            | 63                              | 25.00               | 5.00              |  |  |  |  |
| 8                                                                       | 58.97              | 12.97                 | 2.50                          | 10.85                                                  | 10.30                                  | 10.65                                     | 12.56                             | 3.06       | 62.89                                  |                            | 2548.90                                   | 2611.79        | 16                               | 137           | 95                              | 190.00              |                   |  |  |  |  |
| 9                                                                       | 61.54              |                       |                               | 8.30                                                   |                                        |                                           |                                   |            | 8.30                                   | 4.35                       | 297.27                                    | 304.34         | 10                               | 35            | 42                              | 45.00               |                   |  |  |  |  |
| 10                                                                      | 32.69              | 7.11                  |                               |                                                        |                                        |                                           |                                   |            | 7.11                                   |                            |                                           |                | 10                               | 64            |                                 | 50.00               |                   |  |  |  |  |
| 11                                                                      | 52.56              | 11.56                 | 8.00                          | 10.00                                                  | 9.79                                   | 5.56                                      | 7.65                              |            | 52.56                                  | 4.00                       | 2026.59                                   | 2083.15        | 10                               | 115           | 70                              | 50.00               |                   |  |  |  |  |
| 12                                                                      | 27.96              | 6.46                  |                               |                                                        |                                        | 7.08                                      |                                   |            | 13.54                                  |                            | 1000.00                                   | 1013.54        | 20                               | 130           | 82                              | 67.00               |                   |  |  |  |  |
| 13                                                                      | 21.79              | No report             |                               |                                                        |                                        |                                           |                                   |            |                                        |                            |                                           |                | 3                                | 61            | 28                              | 59.81               |                   |  |  |  |  |
| St. Stephen's Sunday School, Greenbrier and Jenks Sts., St. Paul, Minn. |                    |                       |                               |                                                        |                                        |                                           |                                   |            |                                        |                            |                                           |                |                                  |               |                                 |                     |                   |  |  |  |  |
| 14                                                                      | 230.76             | 44.91                 |                               | 46.00                                                  | 51.46                                  | 5.00                                      | 23.47                             |            | 170.84                                 | 259.02                     | 2261.89                                   | 2691.75        | 17                               | 183           | 112                             | 100.07              | 95.00             |  |  |  |  |
| 15                                                                      | 135.89             | 29.89                 | 15.00                         | 50.00                                                  | 32.00                                  | 35.00                                     | 22.00                             | 10.00      | 193.89                                 | 23.40                      | 2121.42                                   | 2338.71        | 35                               | 385           | 266                             | 274.60              | 92.30             |  |  |  |  |
| 16                                                                      | 72.50              | 10.00                 | 6.70                          | 5.58                                                   | 5.26                                   | 19.42                                     | 15.73                             |            | 62.69                                  |                            | 1388.78                                   | 1451.47        | 19                               | 182           | 125                             | 150.00              |                   |  |  |  |  |
| 17                                                                      | 30.77              | No report             |                               |                                                        |                                        |                                           |                                   |            |                                        |                            |                                           |                |                                  |               |                                 |                     |                   |  |  |  |  |
| 18                                                                      | 57.69              | 12.69                 | 9.50                          | 10.00                                                  | 11.40                                  | 15.00                                     | 4.25                              | 5.00       | 67.84                                  | 6.00                       | 3750.00                                   | 3823.84        | 20                               | 225           | 105                             | 88.66               | 40.00             |  |  |  |  |
| 19                                                                      | 113.46             | 17.89                 |                               | 8.00                                                   | 11.12                                  | 28.40                                     |                                   |            | 65.41                                  |                            | 1142.43                                   | 1207.84        | 13                               | 124           | 79                              | 72.64               | 3.43              |  |  |  |  |
| 20                                                                      | 15.38              |                       |                               |                                                        |                                        |                                           |                                   |            |                                        |                            |                                           |                | 6                                | 35            | 25                              | 25.70               |                   |  |  |  |  |
| 21                                                                      |                    |                       |                               |                                                        |                                        |                                           |                                   |            |                                        |                            |                                           |                | 4                                | 33            | 30                              |                     | 2.06              |  |  |  |  |
| 22                                                                      | 60.89              | 13.39                 |                               | 9.76                                                   | 16.72                                  | 11.50                                     | 18.41                             |            | 79.78                                  |                            | 675.85                                    | 817.63         | 10                               | 140           | 80                              | 94.52               | 46.53             |  |  |  |  |

NOTE—Per capita travelling expense is included in synodical expenses and is credited on amount paid on apportionment.



## STANDING COMMITTEES.

### Examining Committee:

Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D.  
and Rev. Alfred Ramsey.

### Committee on Statistics and Parochial Reports:

Rev. John Keehley and Rev. F. S. Beistel.

### Archivarius:

Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D.

## COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT YEAR:

### Revision of Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules:

Rev. A. D. Haupt, Rev. Alfred Ramsey, Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., and Rev. C. L. Warstler.

### On Plans to Aid Disabled and Superannuated Pastors.

Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., Judge N. O. Werner, Mr.  
A. G. Johnson.

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## Special Services.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING:** Vespers. Conducted by Rev. John Keehley. "Home Missions and the Theological Seminary." Rev. R. F. Weidner, D. D., LL. D. "English Home Missions of the General Council." Rev. J. J. Clemens.

**THURSDAY EVENING:** Liturgical Service by President and Secretary. Sermon by Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D. "The Apostolic Marks of a Respectable Ministry." Titus 1: 9 and 2: 15.

Ordination of William Passavant Christy.

**FRIDAY EVENING:** Vespers. Conducted by Rev. H. K. Gebhart. "Missions in India." Rev. H. E. Isaacson.

**SUNDAY MORNING:** Liturgical Service by Rev. A. J. Reichert. Sermon by Rev. G. F. Gehr. "The Great Supper." Luke 14: 16-24.

**SUNDAY EVENING:** Vespers by Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D. "The Importance of English Home Mission Work in the Northwest." Rev. F. S. Beistel. "The Chicago Seminary." Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D.

# Sunday School Convention.

## MINUTES OF THE TENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

The Sunday School Convention of the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest was held in Trinity Church, Lindstrom, Minnesota, Saturday, June 11, 1904.

The Opening Service was conducted by Rev. J. A. Zundel, of Fargo, North Dakota, who also called the meeting to order. Miss Lydia T. Lagerstrom was chosen Secretary.

The roll of parishes was called, credentials presented, and the following delegates answered to their names:

St. John's, Minneapolis, Minn.—Miss Mildred Croonquist, Miss Ida Ebert and Mrs. Edna Rahn.

Memorial, St. Paul, Minn.—Miss Celia Lindeberg, Miss Rose Hane and Miss Edith Haupt.

Trinity, St. Paul, Minn.—Mrs. C. L. Warstler.

St. Paul's, Red Wing, Minn.—Miss Henrietta Kolshorn and Rev. A. J. Reichert.

Salem, Minneapolis, Minn.—Mrs. G. H. Trabert, Miss Emily Hembd, Miss Lilian Westby, Mr. Ansgar Lagerstrom and C. L. Trabert, Esq.

St. John's, Duluth, Minn.—Miss Florence Swendby.

St. James, St. Paul, Minn.—Miss Judith Cederblade.

Trinity, Lindstrom, Minn.—Miss Myrna Wiberg, Miss Dora Kaye,

St. Mark's, Minneapolis, Minn.—Miss Sophia Rogness and Miss Laura Ockwig.

Church of Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis.—Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D.

Church of Holy Communion, Racine, Wis.—Mr. Henry Schlaechter.

Grace English Evangelical Lutheran, Kenosha, Wis.—Mr. Knute Toreson.

*Resolved*, That the members of synod and Lutheran Sunday school workers be entitled to all the privileges of delegates.

In addition to the members of synod who were granted the privileges of delegates were the following:

Mr. Vernon Smith, Mr. Cornell Lagerstrom, of Salem, Minneapolis, and Rev. H. E. Isaacson, General Council missionary to India.

The Sunday School Convention was welcomed to Lindstrom by the resident pastor, Rev. F. E. Jensen. The programme as printed by synod was adopted.

A paper, on "The Sunday School the School of the Congregation,"



prepared by Miss Meta Schwartz, Church of Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis., was read by Miss Mabel Hallberg, of Trinity, Lindstrom. In the absence of one of the papers of the morning programme, the second paper of the afternoon was called for, "The Sunday School in Missionary Efforts," by Miss Judith Cederblade. The discussion which followed these papers were very interesting and profitable.

Noon recess was taken at 12 o'clock, after repeating the Lord's Prayer.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was called to order at two o'clock. The opening service was conducted by Rev. P. E. Baisler, of Kenosha, Wis.

Growing out of the interest shown at the morning session for the missionary work in India, as presented by Rev. H. E. Isaacson, it was *Resolved*, That a committee of three (3) be appointed to look into the matter of the advisability of sending a box to India, and take in charge the collection of material for such a box, and attend to its sending, in case a box is sent. The following committee was subsequently announced: Rev. F. S. Beistel, St. James, St. Paul; Mrs. G. H. Trabert, Salem, Minneapolis; and Mr. Fred. Rapps, of Racine, Wis.

"The Sunday School Not a Substitute for the Church Service," a paper written by Mr. H. O. H. Munson, of St. John's, Duluth, was read by Miss Florence Swendby, also of Duluth. A lively discussion followed. "Home Co-operation in the Work of the Sunday School," was the subject treated in a paper written by Mr. Harry J. Johnson, of St. John's, Minneapolis, and read by Mrs. Edna Rahn, of the same church.

At 4:30 the special order of the day was taken up. After a discussion, it was resolved that a permanent Sunday School Workers' organization be perfected.

*Resolved*, To proceed to the election of temporary officers, who shall constitute a committee to prepare rules and regulations for the organization and a program for next years' convention, subject to the approval of the executive committee of synod.

*Resolved*, That the officers be a president, a secretary and a treasurer.

The officers chosen were: President, Chas. L. Trabert, Esq. Salem, Minneapolis; Secretary, Miss Henrietta Kolshorn, St. Paul's, Red Wing; Treasurer, Mr. T. H. Kaye, Trinity, Lindstrom.

The minutes were read and approved. The session closed with the singing of a hymn and prayer by Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D.

LYDIA T. LAGERSTROM,  
Secretary.

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